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## 9 FAM 41.2 NOTES

### CHANGES

1. **9 FAM 41.2 N3, Conditions for Admission of Aliens under Direct Transit Waiver:** The Transit Without Visa (TWOV) Program has been suspended until further notice.

2. **9 FAM 41.2 N11.8-2, VWP and the United Kingdom:** For the purposes of VWP, “United Kingdom” refers only to British citizens who have the unrestricted right of permanent abode in the United Kingdom (i.e., England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man). Accordingly, with respect to VWP travel, the term “United Kingdom” **does not** apply to British citizens abroad, or to citizens of British Commonwealth countries.

3. **9 FAM 41.2 Notes throughout:** All references to the Immigration and Nationalization Service (INS) have been changed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

4. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

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